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Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam **Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 55th, 56th and 62nd meetings, on 10, 11 and 27 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.55, 56 and 62).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (A/53/779 and Add.1 and Corr.1) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/895 and Add.1).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.56

4. At the 62nd meeting, on 27 May, the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on item 122 (a), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force" (A/C.5/53/L.56).

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.56 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of United Nations Disengagement Observer Force[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, by which the Council established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was Security Council resolution 1211 (1998) of 25 November 1998,

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/236 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have been used to meet expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

[1] A/53/779 and Add.1 and Corr.1.

[2] A/53/895 and Add.1.

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.6 million United States dollars, representing 1.4 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 31 May 1999, notes that some 15 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the process of improving the working conditions of the local staff in the Force, taking into account the difficulties arising from the relocation of Force headquarters from Damascus to Camp Faouar, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 35,351,308 dollars gross (34,618,408 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 1,758,908 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 344,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States at the monthly rate of 2,945,942 dollars gross (2,884,867 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraph 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A, B and C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1999;

10. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund

[3] A/53/895/Add.1.

of the estimated staff assessment income of 732,900 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

11. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,085,300 dollars gross (887,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

12. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,085,300 dollars gross (887,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to credit back to Member States in a phased manner not to exceed three years, beginning with 5.6 million dollars during the current session of the General Assembly, according to the procedures contained in paragraphs 9 to 12 above, the net surplus balance of 13,622,162 dollars held in the suspense account for the Force;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

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Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam **Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 55th, 56th and 62nd meetings, on 10, 11 and 27 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.55, 56 and 62).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (A/53/783 and Corr.1 and A/53/805) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/895 and Add.3).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.59

4. At the 62nd meeting, on 27 May, the representative of Japan and coordinator of the informal consultations on item 130, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" (A/C.5/53/L.59).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.59 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, by which the Council established the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1217 (1998) of 22 December 1998,

Recalling also its resolution 52/241 of 26 June 1998 on the financing of the Force,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Expressing its appreciation to all those Member States and observer States which have made voluntary contributions to the Special Account established for the financing of the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[3]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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[1] A/53/783 and Corr.1 and A/53/805.

[2] A/53/895 and Add.3.

[3] See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth year, Supplement for April, May and June 1994*, document S/1994/647.

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.7 million United States dollars, representing 12.7 per cent of the total assessed contributions from 16 June 1993 to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 16 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus an amount of 45,630,927 dollars gross (43,892,427 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of an amount of 2,270,759 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, and the amount of 445,268 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of one third of the cost of the Force, equivalent to 14,630,810 dollars, by the Government of Cyprus and the annual pledge of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece, to apportion the amount of 24,500,117 dollars gross (22,761,617 dollars net), for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, among Member States at a monthly rate of 2,041,676 dollars gross (1,896,801 dollars net) in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000 as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1999;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund

[4] A/53/895/Add.3.

of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,738,500 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 178,500 dollars gross (6,300 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998;

12. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 178,500 dollars gross (6,300 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Decides further* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the period prior to 16 June 1993 for the Force, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

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Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam **Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 55th, 56th and 62nd meetings, on 10, 11 and 27 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.55, 56 and 62).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (A/53/775) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/895 and A/53/898).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.51

4. At the 62nd meeting, on 27 May, the representative of Cyprus and coordinator of the informal consultations on item 142 introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala" (A/C.5/53/L.51), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.51 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1094 (1997) of 20 January 1997, in which the Council authorized the attachment to the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala of a group of one hundred and fifty-five military observers and requisite medical personnel for a period of three months,

Recalling also its resolution 51/228 of 3 April 1997 on the financing of the Observer Group,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Group, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to continue to provide the account of the Observer Group with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 298,613 United States dollars, representing 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observer Group to the period ending 31 May 1997, notes that some 55 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

[1] A/53/775

[2] A/53/895 and A/53/898

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Observer Group with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments which provided contingents and/or logistic support for the Observer Group shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

7. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Group, they shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 184,200 dollars gross (140,500 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 31 May 1997 and their respective share of the miscellaneous income of 68,983 dollars and interest income of 38,653 dollars;

8. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Group, their share in the unencumbered balance of 184,200 dollars gross (140,500 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 31 May 1997 and their respective share of the miscellaneous income of 68,983 dollars and interest income of 38,653 dollars shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

9. *Decides* to transfer any surplus arising from the eventual liquidation of the remaining obligations in the Special Account for the Observer Group to the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund;

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the disposition of assets of the Observer Group;[1]

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the safety of United Nations assets and the need to have accountability procedures in place to deter and penalize those responsible for the losses of the United Nations property and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

12. *Notes with concern* that the provisions of its decision 52/485 of 26 June 1998 have not been complied with, and reiterates that all reports on the final disposition of assets should contain detailed information on and justification of written-off and lost items;

13. *Requests* the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the final disposition of assets of the Observer Group, in particular that of sold and written-off assets, and include its recommendations in the audit report for the period July 1998 to June 1999.

[3] A/53/898.

Annex

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala until payment is effected;

2. (a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

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Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam **Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 55th, 56th, 59th and 62nd meetings, on 10, 11, 21 and 27 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.55, 56, 59 and 62).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/53/797 and A/53/819) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/895 and Add.1).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.58

4. At the 59th meeting, on 21 May, the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on items 122 (a) and (b), informed the Committee that no consensus had been reached during the informal consultations with a view to submitting a draft resolution under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

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5. At the same meeting, the representative of Guyana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon" (A/C.5/53/L.58).

6. At the 62nd meeting, on 27 May, the representative of the United States of America made a statement and requested that a single vote be taken on the first preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3, 10 and 11 of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.58.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the first preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3, 10, and 11 of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.58 by a recorded vote of 84 to 2, with 46 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

8. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America requested that a recorded vote be taken on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.58 as a whole.

9. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.58, as a whole, by a recorded vote of 132 to 2, with 2 abstentions (see para. 11). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab

Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Iran (Islamic Republic of), Uzbekistan.

10. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, as well as Cyprus and Iceland), Guyana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Lebanon, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Australia (on behalf also of Canada and New Zealand), Israel, Japan and Uzbekistan.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

11. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/233 of 13 June 1997 and 52/237 of 26 June 1998,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon,[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was Security Council resolution 1223 (1999) of 28 January 1999,

Recalling its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and the subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/237,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

[1] A/53/797 and A/53/819.

[2] A/53/895 and Add.1.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Force on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon have been used to meet expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 119,646,994 United States dollars, representing 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 12 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Express its deep concern* that Israel did not comply with General Assembly resolutions 51/233 of 13 June 1997 and 52/237 of 26 June 1998;

3. *Stresses once again* that Israel should strictly abide by General Assembly resolutions 51/233 and 52/237;

4. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

6. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

[3] A/53/895/Add.1.

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue his efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

10. *Decides* to revise the amount of the commitment authority granted in paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 51/233 in connection with the costs resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996 and, correspondingly, the amount to be borne by Israel as decided in paragraph 8 of the same resolution, from 1,773,618 United States dollars to 1,284,633 dollars;

11. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 51/233 and paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 52/237, stresses once again that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,284,633 dollars resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

12. *Takes note* of the additional requirements of 57,600 dollar gross (844,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, which will be covered by the liquidation of obligations no longer required for the same period;

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 148,904,683 dollars gross (144,875,283 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 7,407,886 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 1,452,597 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;

14. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 12,397,474 dollars gross (12,061,690 dollars net) for the period from 1 to 31 July 1999 among Member States, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

15. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 335,784 dollars approved for the period from 1 to 31 July 1999;

16. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 136,372,209 dollars gross (132,678,593 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1999 to 30 June 2000, at a monthly rate of 12,397,474 dollars gross (12,061,690 dollars net) in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000 as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 July 1999;

17. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund

of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,693,616 dollars approved for the period from 1 August 1999 to 30 June 2000;

18. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

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Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam **Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 55th, 56th and 62nd meetings, on 10, 11 and 27 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.55, 56 and 62).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (A/53/821 and A/53/844 and Corr.1 and 2) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/895 and Add.4).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.54

4. At the 62nd meeting, on 27 May, the representative of Poland and coordinator of the informal consultations on the item introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia" (A/C.5/53/L.54), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.54 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1225 (1999) of 28 January 1999,

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/242 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 8.8 million United States dollars, representing 11 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that

[1] A/53/821 and A/53/844 and Corr.1 and 2.

[2] A/53/895 and Add.4.

some 16 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 290,200 dollars gross (485,200 dollars net), for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, in addition to the amount of 18,580,500 dollars gross (17,582,100 dollars net) already appropriated under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/236 of 13 June 1997 and inclusive of the amount of 290,200 dollars gross (485,200 dollars net) from the amount of 1,653,600 dollars authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under the terms of section IV of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

9. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 31,000,479 dollars gross (29,505,279 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 1,541,759 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 302,320 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;

10. *Decides further*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 2,583,373 dollars gross (2,458,773 dollars net) for the period from 1 to 31 July 1999 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996, and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

11. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of

[3] A/53/895/Add.4.

the estimated staff assessment income of 124,600 dollars approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 to 31 July 1999;

12. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 28,417,103 dollars gross (27,046,503 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1999 to 30 June 2000, at a monthly rate of 2,583,373 dollars gross (2,458,773 dollars net) in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 31 July 1999;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,370,600 dollars approved for the period from 1 August 1999 to 30 June 2000;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

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Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam **Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 55th, 56th and 62nd meetings, on 10, 11 and 27 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.55, 56 and 62).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (A/52/401/Add.1 and 2 and A/53/802) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/895 and A/53/896).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/53/L.53

4. At the 62nd meeting, on 27 May, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia" (A/C.5/53/L.53), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/53/L.53 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

The General Assembly, having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and recalling its resolution 51/3 C of 13 June 1997 and its decision 52/407 of 31 October 1997 on the financing of the Observer Mission,

(a) Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

(b) Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement and taking into account the amount of 5,111,775 United States dollars gross (4,729,575 dollars net) already apportioned under the terms of Assembly resolution 51/3 C, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 7 of resolution 51/3 C and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997 and the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

(c) Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph (b) above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 135,800 dollars approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

(d) Decides further that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph (b) above, their respective share of an equivalent amount of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net) from the unencumbered balance of 4,601,200 dollars gross (4,238,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

(e) Decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share of an amount of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net) from the unencumbered balance of 4,601,200 dollars gross (4,238,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 shall first be set off against their outstanding obligations;

(f) Decides also that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be credited their respective share in the remaining portion of the unencumbered balance of 4,601,200 dollars gross (4,238,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 after the application of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net) as provided for in paragraph (d) above, that is, 760,075 dollars gross (532,675 dollars net);

(g) Decides further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share in the remaining portion of the

[1] A/52/401/Add.1 and 2 and A/53/802.

[2] A/53/895 and A/53/896.

[3] A/53/896.

unencumbered balance of 4,601,200 dollars gross (4,238,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 after the application of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net) as provided for in paragraph (e) above, that is, 760,075 dollars gross (532,675 dollars net), shall first be set off against their outstanding obligations;

(h) Decides also that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 154,200 dollars gross (131,800 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

(i) Decides further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share in the unencumbered balance of 154,200 dollars gross (131,800 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall first be set off against their outstanding obligations;

(j) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the Observer Mission;[4]

(k) Reaffirms its decision 52/485 of 26 June 1998, and reiterates that all reports on the final disposition of assets should contain detailed information on and justification of written-off and lost items;

(l) Requests the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the final disposition of assets of the Observer Mission, in particular of sold and written-off assets, and to include its recommendations in the audit report for the period from July 1998 to June 1999;

(m) Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia".

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[4] A/52/401/Add.2.

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Tammam **Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 55th, 56th and 62nd meetings, on 10, 11 and 27 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.55, 56 and 62).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/53/764 and Corr.1 and A/53/800) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/895 and Add.6).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.48

4. At the 62nd meeting, on 27 May, the representative of Poland and coordinator of the informal consultations on item 138, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (A/C.5/53/L.48).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.48 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1035 (1995) of 21 December 1995, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina for an initial period of one year, and Council resolution 1174 (1998) of 15 June 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 21 June 1999,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1222 (1999) of 15 January 1999, in which the Council authorized the United Nations military observers to continue to monitor the demilitarization of the Prevlaka peninsula until 15 July 1999,

Recalling further its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/243 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 38 million United States dollars, representing 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 21 June 1999, notes that some 42 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges

[1] A/53/764 and Corr.1 and A/53/800.

[2] A/53/895 and Add.6.

all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Takes note* of the fact that the amount of 10,608,000 dollars gross (9,987,600 dollars net) authorized by its decision 52/437 of 18 December 1997 was not utilized and, therefore, no appropriation or apportionment of this amount is required;

9. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 178,204,381 dollars gross (168,191,981 dollars net) for the maintenance of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 8,865,888 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 1,738,493 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States at a monthly rate of 14,850,365 dollars gross (14,015,998 dollars net) in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 30 June 1999;

10. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 10,012,400 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

11. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of

[3] A/53/895/Add.6.

21,752,900 dollars gross (19,524,600 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998;

12. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 21,752,900 dollars gross (19,524,600 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina".